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the chatterbox



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Mission Statement

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department shall exist to serve the leisure and recreational needs of the residents and tourists of the county. We will strive to be the leader in providing well-maintained, high-quality passive parks and facilities, excellent programs and services, and the preservation of greenspace to enhance the quality of life in the county.

Park Board Meetings

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation park board meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Cool Creek Nature Center Auditorium, located at 2000-1 East 151st Street in Carmel. The meetings are open to the public.

Park Hours

All parks operated by Hamilton County Parks and Recreation are open 365 days a year from dawn to dusk. Some sections of the park may be closed due to special events or shelter reservations. Please refer to *The Chatterbox* or call the administration office.

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Greetings, and welcome to the Fall 2010 Chatterbox! I am choosing to talk about my favorite topic, this department, its parks, and its future. Over the years there is one common denominator that I have found in the park and recreation field among its professionals and supporters. That common denominator is passion. We have a lot of passion for what we do, and we usually have the passion to pursue recreation in our freetime. The people who support parks and recreation are very similar in that way.



One of the tools or resources that we put in place a couple of years ago to make sure the future of HCPR is well supported is the Friends of Hamilton County Parks, Inc. or "Friends." This organization is a not-for-profit foundation, which was created to assist in accomplishing the goal stated above. We are still young, but are working hard to build a presence and create opportunities for people to support their parks in financial ways. One such opportunity is the second annual "Digging through the Past, Building to the Future" event, which will be held on September 18th at Strawtown Koteewi Park. It will feature kid's activities, great music, bison and elk burgers, Nelson's Port-a-Pit Chicken, archaeology tours, vendors, the Miami Nation of Indians of the State of Indiana Drum Circle, and a silent auction. The purpose of this event is two-fold; yes, we would like to raise funds for the park, but we also hope to introduce some people to this beautiful park. "Friends" has not completed a website yet, but keep an eye out for that announcement. Until that time, if you have questions about how you can help or become a part of "Friends" please call me at 317-770-4401.

See you in the parks!

Al Patterson
Director

Deep History at Strawtown Koteewi Park

By
Karin Maloney-Anderson,
*Archaeology and Natural
History Interpreter, Taylor
Center of Natural History*

"There's an archaeological dig? Here, in Hamilton County?" Yes, there is! Most visitors to Strawtown Koteewi Park (SKP) are amazed at the world-class archaeology happening virtually in their own backyard. This September marks the 10th anniversary of Indiana Archaeology Month public excavations conducted by Indiana-Purdue Ft. Wayne (IPFW) in Strawtown, Indiana.

So much has changed since 2001! The Taylor Center is now open year-round, and houses a growing collection of over a **half million artifacts**. More importantly, with every dig our understanding of the native cultures that lived on the "Great Bend of the River" has grown. In the early years, IPFW investigated the long-known site of Strawtown Enclosure, a circular stockaded village occupied by the Oliver people (1300 A.D.) Another exciting discovery in 2007 indicated that the Oneota (1400 A.D.), a people previously unknown in central Indiana, used the enclosure as well.

Traces of a second village, named Castor Farm, were discovered in 2004. Almost 1000 years old, Castor Farm has a unique culture, new to the archaeology of the region. Nearly all the digs have revealed something significant: evidence of houses, larger lodges, stockade walls, and maize (corn) farming. It is fair to say that excavations at SKP are redefining our understanding of the cultural movement, interactions, and lifeways of the Native Americans that called Hamilton County home many centuries ago.

Be a part of it, and make your own discoveries during this September's Archaeology Month at one of Indiana's premiere historic destinations, right here in Hamilton County! See page 10 for more details on how you can be involved.

Autumn Attractions Exhibit



Autumn is a beautiful time of year here in Hamilton County! Cool Creek Nature Center is celebrating the season with an exhibit featuring some of the most remarkable aspects of autumn. Discover the secrets behind leaves changing colors and the amazing journey Monarch butterflies begin this time of year. The Wildlife Viewing Area, Greenhouse, free daily crafts, scavenger hunts, and other activities will be available. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the amazing natural world just outside your door! For more information, please call the Cool Creek Nature Center at 317-774-2500.

Dates: September 20-November 28

Nature Center closed on: September 6; November 2, 11, 25 and 26

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

park programs



Bird Banding Demonstration

Join Dr. Ron Weiss, Executive Director of the Chipper Woods Bird Observatory, for a fascinating journey into the world of wild birds. Learn techniques that field scientists use to safely capture, handle, and release wild birds, as well as how to examine them. These techniques are employed by scientists around the world to generate useful data for conservation. All birds are safely captured, banded, and released unharmed.

Dates: Saturday, September 11

Saturday, October 9

Saturday, November 6

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Location: Cool Creek Nature Center

Pajama-Rama

Put on your cutest pair of pajamas, grab your favorite teddy bear, pack up an old blanket, and join us at the Cool Creek Nature Center for Pajama-Rama! Families looking for a fun program to enjoy with their toddlers and preschoolers will love the Music Educator from Moriah Music who will lead us in songs and stories about some of our favorite animals.



Dates: September 3, October 1, and November 5

Time: 7:00 p.m.

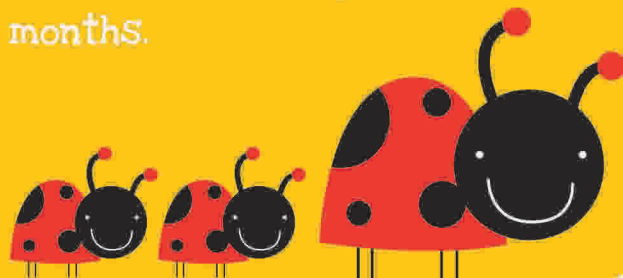
Ages: Best for families with children ages 1-7

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: Yes, call 317-774-2500 or email at cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Location: Cool Creek Nature Center

Ladybugs can be found swarming around the house during the middle of fall. Most of these insects are the non-native Asian Ladybugs that are looking for a cozy nook or cranny to hibernate in through the winter months.



Puppet Shows with Miss Diane

Come laugh and learn with Miss Diane Breier and her puppet pals this fall. Audience members will enjoy the fun nature-themed stories she has in store!

Date: Tuesday, September 21
Tuesday, October 19
Tuesday, November 16
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Cost: Free
Ages: Best for ages 2-6
Location: Cool Creek Nature Center

Indiana Bluebird Society Annual Meeting

The Indiana Bluebird Society will be holding its annual fall conference at Cool Creek Nature Center. The conference will feature a guest speaker and a roundtable discussion concerning bluebirds. Lunch will be on your own, or bring a dish to share! Please contact Ted Vesa, IBS President, at 260-248-8636, Art Jeffries, at 317-844-1686 or Cool Creek Nature Center at 317-774-2500 with any questions.

Date: Saturday, September 25th
Time: TBA with registration
Cost: Free
Pre-registration: Yes, contact Ted Vesa at 260-248-8636 or via email: tjvesa@embarqmail.com
Location: Cool Creek Nature Center

Turtles and Other Friends



Join HCPR as we welcome the Turtle Lady all the way from Ohio! The only thing she likes better than turtles and children is sharing her turtles with children.

Date: Thursday, October 21
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Ages: Best for school-aged children
Cost: Free
Location: Cool Creek Park, Cool Creek Nature Center

Don't forget!

We have:

Adult/Senior Program
Group Educational Opportunities
Scout Group Activities
available !

Call 317.774.2500 to schedule!

Re-boo! Re-wear! Re-Scare!



Join us at Cool Creek Nature Center for HCPR's first-ever Halloween costume swap! Bring an unwanted costume or costume accessory and SWAP it for another one. This is a great way to reuse costumes that no longer fit and save money at the same time!

Please note the following:

- *Please only bring costumes that are clean and in good condition.
- *Any make-up/face paint donated must be sealed/unused.
- *If you are unable to find a re-used costume you would like to swap for, you may donate your costume or reclaim your original costume- if it has not already been claimed by someone else.
- *Feel free to donate costumes without swapping!
- *For more information, please contact us at 317-774-2500.

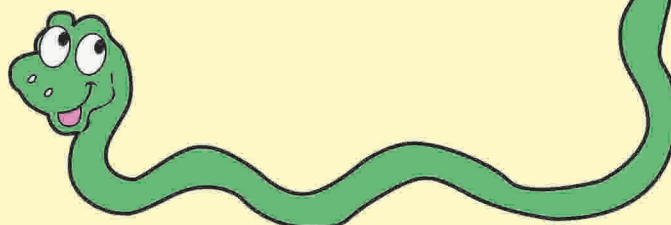
Date: Saturday, October 9
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Cool Creek Nature Center

Creepy Critters



Snakes, tarantulas, and scorpions can give anyone a creepy-crawly feeling! Snakehead Ed isn't afraid of them! He will be sharing these critters with guests of the Cool Creek Nature Center. He will also bust many of the myths people have about these fascinating creatures.

Date: Friday, October 22
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Ages: Best for school-aged children
Location: Cool Creek Nature Center



Frances Slocum, Child of Two Americas (childrens program)



Can you imagine what it would be like to be kidnapped from your home and taken into the wilderness to live with the Delaware tribe when you were only 5 years old? That's what happened to little Frances Slocum in the year 1778, long before Indiana even became a state. Come discover her amazing story! We will watch an hour long movie which features some of her descendants! We will learn also about where she lived and how you can retrace her steps here in Indiana.

Date: Thursday, October 21
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Ages: Best for children 3rd grade and older
Cost: Free
Pre-registration: No
Location: Taylor Center of Natural History, Strawtown Koteewi Park

Native American Arts and Crafts



Native Americans incorporated art into many aspects of everyday life, including household items. Come have some fun with our staff create your own Native American inspired art project.

Date: Friday, October 29
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Ages: School-aged children
Cost: Free
Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-984-5556 or e-mail at taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Location: Taylor Center of Natural History, Strawtown Koteewi Park

Taylor Center of Natural History at Strawtown Koteewi Park

The Taylor Center of Natural History is open daily! Visitors are invited to discover the colorful local history that stretches thousands of years into the past. Artifacts recovered by professional archaeologists in previous excavations are on display in our exhibit room. Over six miles of trails are open, so don't forget your hiking shoes and sense of adventure! Group tours or presentations can also be arranged by calling 317-984-5556 or 317-714-7144.

Hours: Monday-Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Note: The Taylor Center is closed on:
September 6; November 2, 11, 25, and 26



Frances Slocum, Child of Two Americas (adult program)

When Frances Slocum was taken captive by a Delaware raiding party in Pennsylvania in 1778, Indiana was still a wilderness. By the time Maconaquah, as she was then known, died, Indiana was well settled and had been a state for 3 decades. Spanning nearly the entire early contact period in Indiana, her remarkable life story is one you won't forget. In addition to viewing the movie Child of Two Americas, we will be joined by Debbie Bowsher, Miami County Tourism Director. Debbie will take us on a virtual historic tour of the county, highlighting sites related to Maconaquah, so you will be ready to explore on your own!

Date: Tuesday, November 9
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Ages: Adults
Cost: Free
Pre-registration: No
Location: Taylor Center of Natural History, Strawtown Koteewi Park



The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation and the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department, are proudly sponsoring Archaeology Month here in Hamilton County again this fall. Indiana University Purdue University-Fort Wayne will be on site conducting archaeological surveys which will be open to the public! Also, our Naturalist staff will be available for site tours and discussions about the site and the Native American groups who once occupied the area.

Pre-registered group tours will take place at the Taylor Center of Natural History located at Strawtown Koteewi Park in Strawtown, IN. Organized groups such as school field trips, scouts, and adult clubs are welcome as well as smaller family and citizen groups.

This exciting opportunity is great for all ages and is being offered in celebration of Indiana's Archaeology Month for a short time only. For more information or to pre-register for an archaeology field trip or tour, please call Amanda Smith, Supt. of Natural Resources and Education at 317-774-2501. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, so please confirm early. Scheduled tours including an active archaeological survey will end at Strawtown Koteewi Park on October 2.

Dates: September 14-October 2

Days: Tuesday-Saturday

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Location: Taylor Center of Natural History, Strawtown Koteewi Park



Reservations can be made at 317-774-2501 or e-mail amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Atlatl Introduction and Throwing

Come join us at Strawtown Koteewi Park and take part in the ancient activity of spear throwing! Atlatls were Native American hunting tools and were used for thousands of years. Erik Vosteen will begin by introducing participants to the equipment, techniques, history, and other interesting tidbits. Then, everyone can practice casting some darts. Spectators and enthusiasts are welcome. Please check in at the Taylor Center's front desk when you arrive for information regarding atlatl "tee" times.

Date: Saturday, September 25

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Location: Strawtown Koteewi Park

Collection Identification

Do you have some arrowheads, stone tools, or other Native American artifacts? Join Archaeologist Jim Mohow as he helps artifact collectors identify personal collection pieces. When possible, Mr. Mohow will share the dates and stories associated with these fascinating relics of the past and the people who used them.

Date: Saturday, November 13

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: No

Location: Taylor Center of Natural History, Strawtown Koteewi Park

Saturday Morning Fall Migration Bird Hikes

Catch a peek at some beautiful birds as they make their annual trip south this fall. The hikes are led by well-known birder, Keith Starling. Hurry! Some birds will not stay around long. After the hike, stop by the nature center's wildlife viewing room for coffee and doughnuts. Don't forget your binoculars! Fall migration bird hikes meet in the north parking lot of Cool Creek Park.

Dates: September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 2

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: No

Location: Cool Creek Park

Beginning Bird Hikes



Birds are fascinating and watching them can be an awe-inspiring experience. Catching a glimpse of these gorgeous creatures however can be frustrating and learning how to identify all of them can be overwhelming! Join our Naturalist staff and other guest leaders (when available) Sunday and Wednesday mornings and we will learn together. This will be a great opportunity for bird-watchers of all levels. You may begin anytime during the season and come as often as you like. Pre-registration is not required. Don't forget your binoculars!

Cool Creek Park: These hikes meet in the north parking lot of Cool Creek Park; past the Nature Center.

Dates: September 5, 8, 15, 19, 22, 29; October 3, 13, 17, 20, 27, 31; November 10, 14, 17, 24, 28

Days: Wednesday and every other Sunday

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Strawtown Koteewi Park: These hikes will meet at the Taylor Center of Natural History.

Dates: September 1; October 6; November 3

Time: 8:30 a.m.

outdoor programs



Woodland Fall Wildflower Hike

Walk the trails of Cool Creek Park with Naturalist Dan Popiela in search of fall wildflowers. We will explore both our prairie and forest habitats for these seasonal flowers. The group will discuss medicinal and edible attributes of the flowers as well as folklore that may be associated with them. This hike begins inside the Cool Creek Nature Center.

Date: Saturday, September 4

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Location: Cool Creek Park

Star and Satellite Gazing Tours

Join Dr. Ronald Weiss, adjunct professor of Astronomy and Earth Science for Vincennes University, for a fascinating evening of star and satellite gazing. Amateur astronomer Dan Malone of the Wabash Valley Astronomical Society will be assisting Dr. Weiss as the group learns about and attempts to view the stars, planets, constellations, satellites, and deep sky objects that are visible each month. In the event that the sky is cloudy, an indoor astronomy program is planned. Please see below for program topic information. You are welcome to bring your own telescope or binoculars, but we ask that pets be left at home. This program will meet near the Taylor Center of Natural History.



Dates: Saturday, September 11 at 7:45 p.m.
(Black Hole Program)

Saturday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m.

(Solar Cycle impacts on Global Climates)

Saturday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m.

(Comets and Meteor Showers)

Ages: Adults and families with school-aged children

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: No

Location: Strawtown Koteewi Park

Strawtown Enclosure Native American Village Tours



Our interpretive staff will be conducting tours of the Strawtown Enclosure for interested guests. During these tours we will discuss the details known thus far regarding the Native Americans who built and used the "enclosure" and village over 700 years ago. The tours will begin inside the Taylor Center of Natural History and include a short stroll to the village site. For more information, please contact us at 317-984-5556.

Dates: Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.
Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Location: Strawtown Koteewi Park

Note: Tours will not be offered during the Saturdays of Archaeology Month events, which include September 18, 25 and October 2.

Orienteering

Point your compass toward Strawtown Koteewi Park for hands-on fun as we learn to use a map and compass, understand topography, and tackle a compass-led orienteering course. This fun and educational program is great for Boy Scouts working on their orienteering merit badge, as well as anyone interested in hiking and navigation.

Date: Saturday, September 11

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: No

Location: Strawtown Koteewi Park

Sensory Night Hike at Strawtown

Put your senses to the test on a night time walk around the prairie at Strawtown. You will get a chance to look for nocturnal animals and enjoy the night sky. Dress for an evening outdoors and meet at the Taylor Center of Natural History.

Date: Saturday, October 9

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: No

Location: Strawtown Koteewi Park

Leaf Collection Hike

Are you working on a leaf collection project this fall, or are you just interested in learning more about the trees in our area? Join us for a hike as we find, identify, and discuss local leaves and trees. Our Naturalist will share tips on remembering the common trees of central Indiana. The group can expect to find about 15 species during our hike, which begins inside the Taylor Center of Natural History. If possible, please bring a folder with page protectors to insert your leaves safely into.

Date: Saturday, October 16

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: No

Location: Strawtown Koteewi Park

Community Seed Day



If you are looking for some neat landscaping ideas using native Indiana plants, you and your family will not want to miss the Hamilton County Park's Community Seed Day! Guests will be encouraged to collect seeds from the prairie habitat and the native flower beds to use in their landscaping at home. Instructions on seed collecting will be given by the Naturalists.

Date: Saturday, October 16

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Location: Cool Creek Park

Night Hike



Become a nocturnal animal; close your eyes and listen like an owl; fly from tree to tree without smacking into a branch; howl like a coyote to find the way back to your den. In total darkness, finding your way around can be a challenge... unless you have superior nocturnal adaptations! Discover what it takes to be an owl, bat, or even a raccoon. This hike begins inside the Cool Creek Nature Center.

Date: Thursday, October 21

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: Yes, call 317-774-2500 or email at cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Location: Cool Creek Park

11th Annual Potter's Bridge Fall Festival



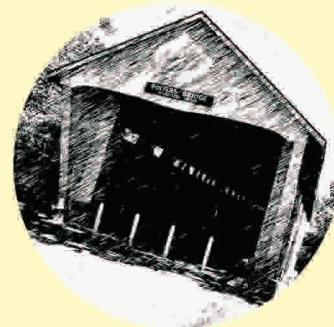
Enjoy a beautiful fall day at Potter's Bridge Park for the 11th annual Potter's Bridge Fall Festival. Listen to live music, visit the art and craft booths, take your little ones to the kids area, and enjoy the natural scenery of Noblesville's most scenic park on the White River Greenway Trail.

Date: Saturday, October 2

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Location: Potter's Bridge Park



Are you an art and craft vendor and looking for an opportunity to sell your creations? A 10x10 booth space is only \$20. Spaces are limited and the application deadline is Friday, September 10. For an application, please call 770-4400 or visit the Park News link on the homepage of our website.

Special events



The
Weekend to
End Breast Cancer®
BENEFITING

 *St. Vincent Foundation*

Coxhall Gardens
September 25-26, 2010

www.endcancer.org
for more information

Movies in the Park

Experience movies like the good 'ol days! Grab your blanket and pack up your popcorn for a movie under the summer stars. Join us for our 4th annual outdoor summer movie series for the following shows:

September 10 • *Monsters vs. Aliens*

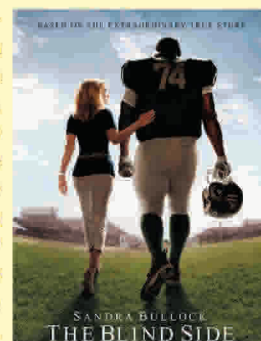
When a meteorite from outer space hits a young girl and douses her with the alien liquid "Quantonium" it turns her into a 48 foot monster. She is taken to a secret government compound where she meets a ragtag group of monsters also rounded up over the years. This crew of reluctant heroes is asked to save the earth from the evil alien "Gallaxhar" in this animated comedy.

Oooze gonna save us?



September 17 • *Blind Side*

This film is the remarkable true story of Michael Oher, a homeless African-American youngster from a broken home. Michael was taken in by a wealthy white family who helped him fulfill his potential as a person and as an athlete. He worked hard on the field and in the classroom and became an All-American in college and was picked in the first round of the 2009 NFL Draft, changing his life and the lives of the loving family who were there to watch him succeed.



Time: Dusk (approx. 9 p.m.)

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Location: Cool Creek Park

Haunted Trails

Make your way through the “boo-tiful” woods of Cool Creek Park for our annual Haunted Trails Halloween event! Ghouls and goblins are lurking at every turn and waiting for you to arrive. After the horrifying experience, gather around the campfire for some story-telling and music. Trail not recommended for kids under 12.

Date: Tuesday, October 26 - Thursday, October 28

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Location: Cool Creek Park

Cost: \$5 per person



We are looking for few good volunteers!

Looking for a way to raise money for your club, group, organization or non-profit? We are in search of Hunters and other Haunted Trails workers. Attend our Information Meeting on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cool Creek Nature Center. Call 770-4400 for more information.

Answers for Autism Walk and Festival

The one-mile, kid-friendly walk is a great way to support a great cause. After the walk head to the kids festival for some live music, silent auction, arts and crafts, and more fun activities! All proceeds benefit The Autism Advocates of Indiana and will be used for enhancing public awareness of the behaviors, social issues, and emotional needs of people with autism.

Date: Saturday, September 18

Time: Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Walk and festival- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cost: Walk is \$10 per person

Festival is free

Location: Coxhall Gardens

Registration: www.aaiwalk.org

Trash to Treasure Lawn Sale

Head out to Cool Creek Park music pavilion lawn for a one-stop shop event! There is no need to drive around all day looking for rummage sales! The pavilion lawn will be filled with treasures for you to rummage through!

Date: Saturday, October 9

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Cool Creek Park




Interested in a booth at the sale? The cost for a 10x10 booth space is \$5. You can purchase more than one space, if needed. Take this opportunity to make a few extra bucks for Christmas!

Be a Parks Partner!

Volunteering for the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department can be a fun and rewarding experience!

Volunteer opportunities include general park up-keep, assisting with special events, help with gardening, caring for the Nature Center's wildlife friends, greenhouse work, gardening, landscaping, cleaning, socializing, and education.

You can also check out the programs and events in this issue! Look for the  ! All programs with this symbol are looking for volunteers!

To volunteer, please contact Sue Wilson at 317-770-4400 or visit our website at www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com



Operating Dates:

April 15- October 31

Location:

11299 East 234th Street
Cicero, IN

Amenities:

100 modern campsites
7 primitive campsites
water, electric & sewer hook-ups
camp store, includes bait and tackle
recreation room
restrooms
shower facility
laundry facility
playground
picnic shelter
White River access

white river campground

Reservations are now being accepted
for the 2010 and 2011 camping
season. Please call 317-984-2705 for
your reservation.

CAMP SITE / FACILITY	DAILY		WEEKLY	
	Hamilton County	Out of County	Hamilton County	Out of County
Full Hook-up	\$18	\$20	\$108	\$120
Electric and Water	\$17	\$19	\$102	\$114
Primitive Site	\$14	\$15	\$84	\$90
Day Visitor	\$1	\$2	N/A	N/A
Recreation Room Rental	\$60	\$70	N/A	N/A
Shelter House Rental	\$60	\$70	N/A	N/A
Boat Launch	\$3	\$5	N/A	N/A
Dump Station	\$5	\$6	N/A	N/A

Family Fun Nights

Join us at White River Campground for family fun nights! One night a month, we will entertain you and your family. Various entertainers will be there throughout the season to make your stay more enjoyable. For more information, please call the campground at 317-984-2705.

Dates:

September 4

Live Music

Head over to the main picnic shelter for some live music, featuring Linda Lee!

October 16

Halloween

Trick or Treating, campsite decoration contest, and hayrides will be taking over the campground.

October 24

Year End Celebration



Walking sticks are experts in the art of camouflage. These insects are vegetarians and use their powerful jaws to feed on plant material. They can often be found sitting motionless with their front and back legs extended in order to look more like a twig.



Coxhall Gardens Centerpiece and Cripe Pavilion

Looking for a beautiful and serene location to hold your upcoming wedding and reception? The Coxhall Gardens Centerpiece and Cripe Pavilion is now ready to rent for weddings, wedding receptions, and any other special event you may have on your calendar. Rental is available from April through October.

For more information and to rent this facility, please call Ritz Charles at 317-846-9158.

Osprey Pointe Pavilion

Planning a shower, wedding reception, or any other special event? Our indoor rental facility at Morse Park and Beach is looking good and waiting for to you to rent! Osprey Pointe is located on the bank of Morse Reservoir with a beautiful view of the water and sunset. The facility's seating capacity is 101 people and has a kitchenette and restrooms.

Facility Rental Rate:	\$160.50 for 4 hours
Non-resident Rate:	\$240.75 for 4 hours
Additional Hours:	\$42.80 per hour
Damage Deposit:	\$100
Alcohol Deposit:	\$400

Rental Rates include an on-site security guard and use of all tables and chairs.

Park Shelters

Looking for a place to have a picnic and enjoy the warm weather? Our affordable picnic shelters are a perfect way to have a get-together! Shelter rental is available from May 1 until September 30

- Shelter rentals are for all-day use.
- No refunds.
- We accept cash, check, money order, VISA or Mastercard.

To rent a shelter, please call 317-770-4400

park rentals



Park	Shelter Size	County Resident	Non-County Resident
Cool Creek Park	20' x 30'	\$50 + tax	\$80 + tax
Geist Park	20' x 30'	\$50 + tax	\$80 + tax
Morse Park and Beach	20' x 30'	\$50 + tax	\$80 + tax

- Grill located at each shelter.
- Shelters hold approximately 50 people.

Park	Shelter Size	County Resident	Non-County Resident
Morse Park and Beach	30' x 40'	\$100 + tax	\$140 + tax

- Grill located at each shelter.
- Shelters A, C, and D hold approximately 50 people.
- Shelter B holds approximately 100 people.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Beginning Bird Hike@ SKP	2	3 Pajama Rama	4 Fall Migration Hike Enclosure Tour Woodland Flower Hike
5 Enclosure Tour Beginning Bird Hike	6 Facilities Closed	7	8 Beginning Bird Hike	9	10 Movie in the Park	11 Orienteering Enclosure Tour Bird Banding Demo Star/Satellite Tour Fall Migration Hike
12 Enclosure Tour	13	14 Arch. Month Begins	15 Beginning Bird Hike	16	17 Movie in the Park	18 SKP Fundraiser Autism Walk Fall Migration Hike
19 Beginning Bird Hike	20 Fall Exhibit Begins	21 Puppet Show	22 Beginning Bird Hike	23	24	25 Atlatl Program Fall Migration Hike Bluebird Society Breast Cancer Walk
26	27	28	29 Beginning Bird Hike	30		

October

					1 Pajama Rama	2 Fall Festival Fall Migration Hike
3 Beginning Bird Hike	4	5	6 B. Bird Hike @ SKP	7	8	9 Enclosure Tour Costume Swap Trash to Treasure Sensory Hike Star/Satellite Tour
10 Enclosure Tour	11	12	13 Beginning Bird Hike	14	15	16 Enclosure Tour Community Seed Day Leaf Collection Hike
17 Enclosure Tour Beginning Bird Hike	18	19 Puppet Show	20 Beginning Bird Hike	21 Night Hike Turtle Program Frances Slocum Prog.	22 Creepy Critters	23 Enclosure Tour
24 Enclosure Tour Beg. Bird Hike 31	25	26 Haunted Trails	27 Beginning Bird Hike Haunted Trails	28 Haunted Trails	29 Native Arts Program	30 Enclosure Tour

November

	1	2 Facilities Closed	3 Beginning Bird Hike @ SKP	4	5 Pajama Rama	6 Enclosure Tour Bird Band Demo
7 Enclosure Tour	8	9 Frances Slocum Prog.	10 Beginning Bird Hike	11 Facilities Closed	12	13 Enclosure Tour
14 Beginning Bird Hike Enclosure Tour	15	16 Puppet Show	17 Beginning Bird Hike	18	19	20 Enclosure Tour
21 Enclosure Tour	22	23	24 Beginning Bird Hike	25 Facilities Closed	26 Facilities Closed	27 Enclosure Tour
28 Beginning Bird Hike Enclosure Tour	29	30				

	bathhouse	beach	boat dock	fishing	canoe launch	music pavilion	picnic tables	picnic shelters	restrooms	playground	disc golf	soccer fields	baseball/softball	basketball court	volleyball court	bicycling	greenspace	nature trail	paved trail	equestrian trail	camping	wetland/prairie	
1. Administration Office 15513 South Union Street, Carmel																							317-770-4400
2. Bray Family Homestead Park 4528 St. Road 38, Noblesville																	●						317-770-4400
3. Cool Creek Park 2000 East 151st Street, Carmel						●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	●				●	317-774-2500 Cool Creek Nature Center
4. Coxhall Gardens 116th and Towne Road, Carmel				●		●			●	●						●	●	●	●			●	317-770-4400
5. Geist Park 10979 Florida Road, Fortville				●	●		●	●	●	●							●	●				●	317-770-4400
6. Lafayette Trace Park Strawtown Avenue East, White River Twp.,				●	●												●						317-770-4400
7. Morse Park and Beach 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					317-770-4400
8. Potter's Bridge Park 19401 N. Allisonville Road, Noblesville				●	●		●	●	●	●						●	●	●	●				317-770-4400
9. River Road Park 12575 River Road, Carmel				●	●				●	●						●	●	●	●			●	317-770-4400
10. Riverwood Canoe Landing				●	●																		317-770-4400
11. Stoops Rookery (unofficial name)																	●						317-770-4400
12. Strawtown Koteewi Park 12308 Strawtown Avenue, Noblesville				●	●											●	●	●		●	●		317-984-5556 Taylor Center
13. White River Campground 11299 East 234th Street, Cicero	●			●	●		●	●	●	●					●	●	●				●		317-984-2705





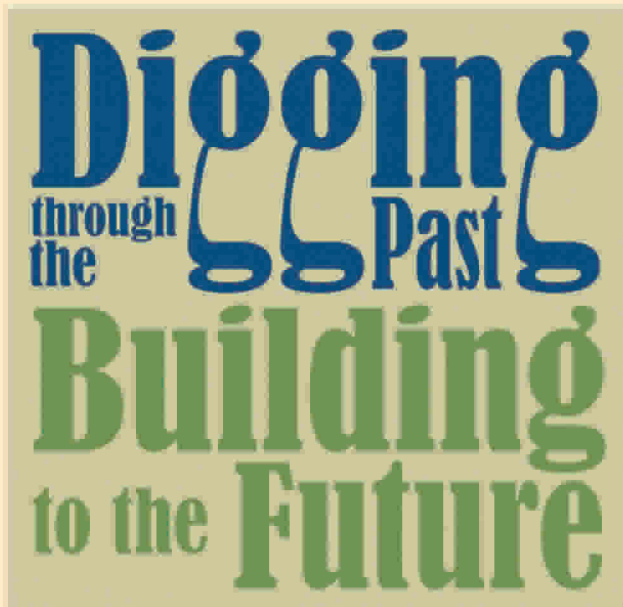
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Saturday, September 18
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Strawtown Koteewi Park

Free Admission

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Circle City Blue Grass Band

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Shilombish Native American
Flute Ensemble

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Miami Nation of Indians of Indiana Drum Circle

Vendor Booths
Nelson's Port-a-Pit Chicken
Carley Elk Burgers
Johnson's Bison Burgers
Kids Activities
Archaeology Programs
Wagon Rides
and much more!